

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 234

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the coaches and members of the Upperman High School Special Olympics basketball team on winning the Tennessee Special Olympics State Basketball Tournament.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those student athletes who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true champions of whom we all can be proud; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Upperman High School Special Olympics basketball team and their coaches have proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and, as such, deserving of the highest regard, as they recently won the Tennessee Special Olympics State Basketball Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Upperman High School Special Olympians won their final game in comeback fashion to claim the Gold Medal in the top division at the state tournament, which marks the team's third state championship in three years; and

WHEREAS, the Upperman High School Special Olympics basketball team players are Aaron Grant, Scott Teeples, Chelsea Gammill, Tylor Long, Matti Kelley, Terrence Phillips, Kenton Bratcher, Natasha Real, Adam Harris, and Daniel Harris; and

WHEREAS, the team's championship season would not have been possible without the astute knowledge and leadership of their coaches, Michael Grant, Julie Styer, and Leann Walker; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Upperman High School Special Olympics basketball team epitomize all that is good in today's student athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young athletes not only made possible a championship season, but surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Upperman High School Special Olympics basketball team for their outstanding performance and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the coaches and members of the Upperman High School Special Olympics basketball team upon winning the Tennessee Special Olympics State Basketball Tournament and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.